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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated July 26, 2004, setting a shortened three-month statutory period for response to expire on October 26, 2004, and having been extended by one month to expire on November 26, 2004, by the accompanying Request for Extension of Time, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.